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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 1, 10 and 12 are amended.

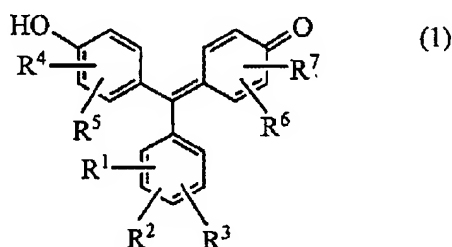
Claim 9 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 17 and 18 are new.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A test piece for creatinine measurement comprising:

a compound expressed by the following formula (1)



where R¹ represents H, SO₃X or COOX,

R⁴ and R⁶ represent OH, SO₃X, or COOX and are either the same or different,

R², R³, R⁵ and R⁷ represent H, OH, Cl, Br, I, NO₂, NO, or CH₃ and are either the same or different, and

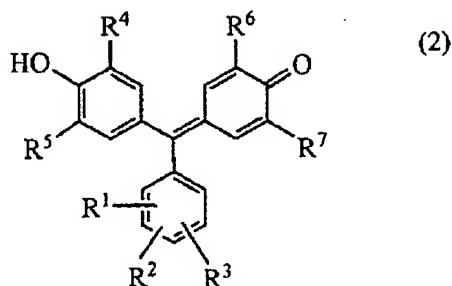
Xs in the R¹, R⁴ and R⁶ represent H, Na, K, or NH₄ and are either the same or different,
and

a metal or its salt that forms a colored complex with the compound.

2. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed by the following formula (2)

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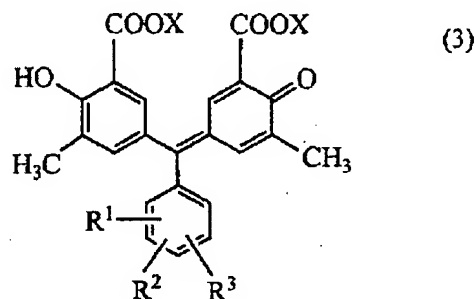
where R^1 represents H, SO_3X , or $COOX$,

R^4 and R^6 represent OH, SO_3X , or $COOX$ and are either the same or different,

R^2 , R^3 , R^5 and R^7 represent H, OH, Cl, Br, I, NO_2 , NO, or CH_3 and are either the same or different, and

Xs in the R^1 , R^4 and R^6 represent H, Na, K, or NH_4 and are either the same or different.

3. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 2, wherein the compound is expressed by the following formula (3)



where R^1 represents H, SO_3X , or $COOX$,

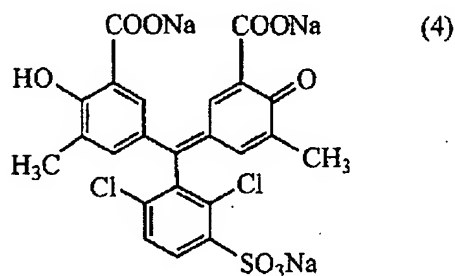
R^2 and R^3 represent H, OH, Cl, Br, I, NO_2 , NO, or CH_3 and are either the same or different, and

Xs represent H, Na, K, or NH_4 and are either the same or different.

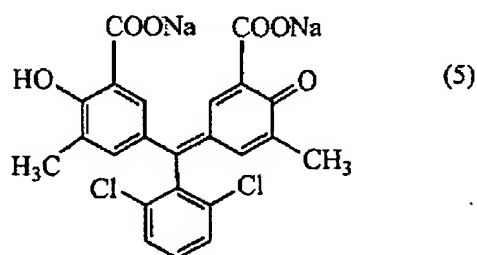
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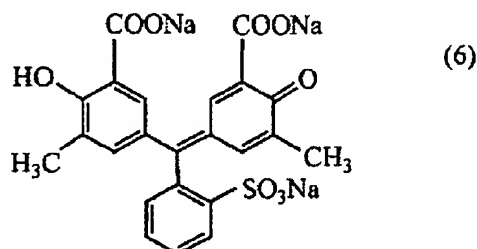
4. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed by the following formula (4)



5. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed by the following formula (5)



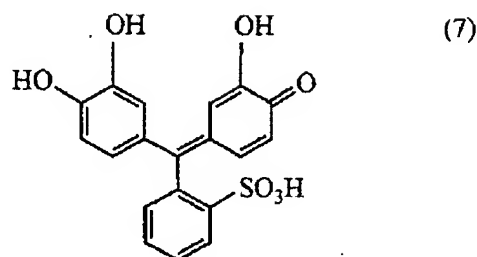
6. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed by the following formula (6)



7. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed by the following formula (7)

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8. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound is included in a porous material.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim [[9]] 1, wherein the metal is a transition metal.

11. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 10, wherein the transition metal is at least one selected from the group consisting of Cu (II) and Pd (II).

12. (Currently Amended) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim [[9]] 1, wherein the compound (A) and the metal or its salt (B) are present at a ratio (molar ratio A:B) of 30:1 to 1:15.

13. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, further comprising a buffer agent.

14. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 13, wherein the compound (A) and the buffer agent (C) are present at a ratio (molar ratio A:C) of 1:10 to 1:1000.

15. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, further comprising a surfactant.

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16. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 15, wherein the compound (A) and the surfactant (D) are present at a ratio (molar ratio A:D) of 50:1 to 3:1.

17. (New) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the metal is selected from the group consisting of Cu(II), Pd(II), U(VI), Zr(IV), Ti(IV), Mn(II), Fe(III), Co(II), Ni(II), Mo(VI), and Sn(IV).

18. (New) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the metal is selected from the group consisting of Pd(II), U(VI), Zr(IV), Ti(IV), Mn(II), Fe(III), Co(II), Ni(II), Mo(VI), and Sn(IV).